**WHY THE ARTS MATTER IN WYOMING**

### NATIONAL ARTS FACTS

**ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR’S PERCENTAGE OF U.S. ECONOMY** (Artsists, University Arts, Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

**ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR REPRESENTS 4.5% OF NATION’S GDP & 5.1 MILLION JOBS**

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that nationally the arts and culture sector is a $878 billion industry, representing 4.5% of the nation’s GDP—a larger share of the economy than construction or education services.


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**NUMBER OF ARTS-RELATED BUSINESSES AND JOBS** (Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

Nationally 673,656 businesses employ 3.48 million people who are involved in the creation or distribution of the arts. Based on Dun & Bradstreet data, this means that 3.9% of all businesses and 1.9% of all employees are connected to the creative industries.

Source: Americans for the Arts, Creative Industries, 2017.

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- **3.48M** EMPLOYEES

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & THEIR AUDIENCES**

Nationally, the nonprofit arts industry alone generates $166.3 billion in economic activity annually that supports 4.6 million jobs and generates $27.5 billion in federal, state, and local government revenue.

- Spending by arts audiences generated $102.5 billion to local businesses.


**PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & ARTISTS**

**Q** How much is the federal government investing in the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)?

**A** Congress has proposed allocating $162.25 million to the NEA in FY 2020, which has been relatively level for the last several years. This amounts to just 0.4% per capita, yet the nonprofit arts industry generates over $13 billion in federal tax revenue back to the treasury. Imagine what nonprofit arts groups could generate with $1 per capita!


**WYOMING ARTS FACTS**

**WYOMING ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR REPRESENTS 2.9% OF STATE’S GDP & 11,992 JOBS**

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector contributes $1 billion to Wyoming’s economy, representing 2.9% of the state’s GDP—a larger share than some other industries in the state.


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In Wyoming, 1,008 Arts-Related Businesses employ 4,396 people.

- In Laramie County, 192 Arts-Related Businesses employ 1,185 people.
- In Natrona County, 140 Arts-Related Businesses employ 775 people.
- In Teton County, 145 Arts-Related Businesses employ 527 people.


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- **4,396** EMPLOYEES

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & THEIR AUDIENCES**

In 2015, Wyoming’s arts and culture sector employed thousands of FTE jobs and generated millions of dollars in economic activity. Nonprofit arts groups helped cultivate that activity.

- In the Town of Jackson, for example, nonprofit arts groups generated $18.7 million in economic activity. Audiences of 597,580 people added another $32.5 million in related spending for a total of $51.2 million for the city in 2015, and this generated $5.1 million in local and state government revenues and 1,058 FTE jobs.


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**Q** What about Wyoming—how much does state government budget to the Wyoming Arts Council each year?

**A** The state allocated $1,038,975 to the Wyoming Arts Council. In FY 2019-20, the Wyoming Arts Council also received $713,100 in federal NEA funds, which the Council re-granted to dozens of cultural organizations throughout the state. Another 9 nonprofit arts organizations received direct grants from the NEA totaling $130,000.

THE WYOMING ARTS COUNCIL—
The Wyoming Arts Council (WAC) is a state-funded arts group which provides grants to art and cultural projects within the state. Established in 1982, the Wyoming Arts Council provides leadership and invests resources to sustain, promote, and cultivate excellence in the arts. WAC envisions a Wyoming where the arts are integrated into the economy, education, and everyday life of its citizens. > Learn more here.

MEET SOME WYOMING ARTS ADVOCATES
• Wendy Bredehoft of Laramie is President of the Wyoming Arts Alliance, a 2019 recipient of the Governor’s Arts Awards, and a winner of a 2020 Wyoming Arts Council Visual Arts Fellowship. > More
• Michael Lange is the Executive Director of Wyoming Arts Council. > More
• Susan Stubson is Board Chair of the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, a Casper Attorney and music scholar. > More
• Babs Case is the Artistic and Executive Director of Dancers’ Workshop in Jackson, WY and a Governor’s Arts Award recipient. > More
• Erin Taylor is a Wyoming arts advocate providing advocacy services for the Wyoming Arts Alliance. > More

ART IN WYOMING
• Wyoming Artscapes is the quarterly magazine of the Wyoming Arts Council. Find it here.
• Wyoming Public Media’s Community Calendar is a great resource for community and cultural events. Find it here.
• Wyoming Humanities offers podcast and blog stories on a variety of cultural topics. Find those stories here.

WYOMING ART ORGANIZATIONS
Wyoming Arts Alliance  www.wyomingarts.org
Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums  www.cwam-us.org
Wyoming Music Educators Association  www.wyomea.org
Wyoming Art Education Association  www.facebook.com/WYAEA

To View the Top 10 Reasons to Support the Arts, Click Here.

THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!
• Cheyenne is home to the world’s largest outdoor rodeo and greatest western cultural event, Cheyenne Frontier Days. The CFD Western Art Show presents creative representations of this western way of life.
• Travel north to Casper to see ART 321 and the burgeoning art scene in the Old Yellowstone District. A great example of what happens when creative people put their shoulder into arts-based community development.
• Sheridan’s art leaders have created a vibrant public arts environment, including events, exhibits and street sculptures. It’s worth a special trip to see the 59 public art pieces on display during 2019.
• The Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody is an astonishing collection of western art and memorabilia. Celebrating one of the world’s best showman, it also houses the Whitney Collection that includes original paintings from Frederic Remington, Charles Russell and others.
• Jackson Hole is one of Wyoming’s true cultural destinations, offering the National Museum of Wildlife Art, the Grand Teton Music Festival, more than two dozen art galleries, and a year-round, world-class concert schedule.
• Circle back to Laramie and you’ll find a true grassroots effort to amplify arts in a community. With dozens of public murals, the American Heritage Center, and an active arts programming environment at the University of Wyoming, Laramie is on the rise!

WYOMING ARTS NEED YOU!

JOIN THE ARTS ACTION FUND FOR FREE TODAY!
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“Without a doubt, the arts help people, communities and Wyoming thrive. Study after study proves the positive effect of the arts. From economic development in communities to cognitive development in kids, the arts play a key role.”
—Wyoming Arts Council


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